

REMARKS

Claims 1-85 are pending in the application. Claims 42-54 are withdrawn. Claims 1-2, 16-31, 55-73 and 83-85 are canceled herein. Claims 3, 5, 7-8, 10, 32, 34-39, 74-75, 77-78 and 81 are amended herein.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicants place this Application in condition for allowance by canceling the claims rejected under 35 USC §102(b), and by making other claim amendments recommended by the Examiner.

Applicants have amended claims 3, 5, 7-8, 10, 32, 34, 36-39, 74-75 and 77-78 to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112. In each of these claims, the offending language of the form “as claimed in claim x” has been replaced by the following new language: “of a collection of data objects tangibly embodied on a processor readable medium”. By these amendments, Applicants have included all substantive limitations of the applicable base and intervening claims that were not already present in each of the rejected claims.

Applicants have also amended claims 35 and 81 to obviate improper antecedent bases.

Regarding objections to claims 9 and 82 under 37 CFR 1.75(c), Applicants submit that the above amendments render the objections moot. Claim 9 is an apparatus claim that recites a *“processor readable medium tangibly embodying the method steps of any of claims 3-8.”* Prior to this amendment claims 3-8 each depended from claim 1, and because claim 1 recited a *“a processor readable medium”* in its preamble, the Examiner asserted that claim 9 did not further limit the subject matter of its base claims. However, in view of the above amendments that remove all dependencies from claim 1, claim 9 is no longer objectionable under 37 CFR 1.75(c). Claims 3-8 as amended each pertain to an archive *“tangibly embodied on a processor readable medium.”* Claim 9 read in light of these amendments further limits the scope of each of claims 3-8 by embodying the *method steps* on a processor readable medium. In other words: in claim 9 both the archive and the method are embodied on a medium, whereas in each of claims 3-8 only the archive is embodied on a medium. The same argument applies to claim 82. Applicants therefore request that the objections to claims 9 and 82 be withdrawn.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 3-15, 32-41, and 74-82 are now allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner pass these claims to issuance.

Applicants believe no fees are due for filing this Response. If any additional fees associated with this Response are in fact due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Howrey Deposit Account No. **08-3038** for the same. Kindly make reference to Howrey Dkt. No. **02737.0004.NPUS01** when debiting this fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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